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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Olivier DE LACHARRIERE ET AL : EXAMINER: WILLIS, M.
SERIAL NO. : 09/686,997 :
FILED: OCTOBER 12, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1619
FOR: USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS :
OR METABOLIC DERIVATIVES
THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING
AGENT

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 30, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said metabolic derivative thereof is selected from the group consisting of 5-androstene-3 β ,17 β -diol, 5-androstene-3 β ,17 β diol sulfate and 4-androstene-3,17-dione.

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment with marked up copy in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

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